

Learning module 7

The March Out.

Objective: Students will construct a hypothesis about the movement of Washington's army at the conclusion of the Valley Forge encampment and then evaluate a map of the actual movements of Washington's army as the war for independence progressed after Valley Forge.

Directions: In the seventh Learning module, students will work as a small group in making decisions and fostering discussion; however, each student must remember that he/she is also moving through the steps of the module from the perspective of an individual Continental soldier who is ultimately assessing his/her ability to successfully "survive and thrive" while encamped at Valley Forge.

Step A. Where will the war take them?

Hypothesis- an assumption used in an argument. (<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/hypothesis>)

- The continuation of the war for independence in June 1778 was largely a mystery to the soldiers of the Continental Army. It is probably a safe bet to say that most of the men simply wanted to get out of the winter encampment and many might have even formed their own hypotheses about the next steps of the war. A hypothesis is essentially an untested idea. You are going to be one of those soldiers who possibly created an untested idea as to the next move of the Continental Army.

- Complete the exercise: **Where will the war take them?**

Students may award themselves up to **5 Survival Points** on the Survival Rubric if they successfully complete the exercises in Step A based on the self-assessed quality of their work.

Step B. Where did the war actually take them?

The best part about constructing a hypothesis is seeing whether it can be supported accurately! You will evaluate the actual movements of both the Continental Army from Valley Forge and the British Army from Philadelphia by reading the text piece via the link- <http://www.wpi.edu/academics/military/absphila.html> - and then you will construct a drawing of the movements on the blank map- <http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/pdf/us1776.pdf> - use the text to guide your map drawing and make sure that you include a key to your map so it is understood by viewers!

Students may award themselves up to **5 Survival Points** on the Survival Rubric if they successfully complete the exercises in Step B based on the self-assessed quality of their work.

Extension Activity

Read about the next stage of the war for independence!

<http://www.wpi.edu/academics/military/monmouth.html>

Where will the war take them?

Constructing your hypothesis!

Directions: Think about your experience as a Continental soldier thus far and the knowledge you potentially have about the past movements of both your army and that of the enemy. Use your experiences to complete the statement below that will serve as your hypothesis-

The war has been waging for several years and there is no doubt that General Washington will lead this rejuvenated army out of Valley Forge in order to _____ at

Journal Writing from your perspective!

Directions: Soldiers at Valley Forge often wrote their thoughts- worries, joys, hypotheses, sufferings, etc- in journals or letters home. If you were a soldier in June 1778, coming to an end of your stay at Valley Forge but unsure of where you are going, what would you write about in your journal. Use the space below to construct your journal entry- you must use your hypothesis constructed above as a cornerstone of your journal entry.